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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be

appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of any of a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action dated May 13, 2010 is attached herewith. A partial English translation of the Japanese Office Action follows:

Claims: Claims 1, 9, 17, 19 and 21

Reason: B and C

Reference: Cited reference 1

Remarks:

The cited reference 1 discloses “when inputted text data is converted to a voice signal (when inputted text is converted to voice)” and “adding or changing arbitrary words or terms according to punctuation marks extracted from the inputted text data (adding information which is not contained in inputted text)” (see paragraphs [0026] to [0043] and particularly, [0038]).

The invention of claim 1 of the present application isn’t different from the invention of the cited reference 1.

Further, the invention of claims 9, 17, 19 and 21 of the present application is similar to claim 1 of the present application.

Claim: Claims 3, 4, 11 and 12

Reason: B and C

Reference: Cited reference 1

Remarks:

Claim 3

A structural requirement “the adding step is carried out in interpretation” of claim 3 of the present application is

disclosed in paragraph [0028] of the cited reference 1.

Claim 4

A technical feature “adding or changing arbitrary words or terms according to punctuation marks extracted from the inputted text data (getting analysis result by analyzing the text and determining the adding information on the basis of the analysis result)” is substantively disclosed in paragraph [0038] of the cited reference 1.

Further, the invention of claims 11 and 12 of the present application is similar to claims 3 and 4 of the present application.

Claim: Claims 8 and 16

Reason: C

Reference: Cited reference 1

Remarks:

Claim 8

A technical feature of claim 8 of the present application is invented easily by those skilled in the art on the basis the cited reference 1.

Further, the invention of claim 16 of the present application is similar to claim 8 of the present application.

A list of the cited references

1. JP-A-2002-244688

A record of the result of search for prior art documents

Searched fields IPC G10L 13/00-13/08

Prior art documents:

JP-A-2003-271172

JP-A-2002-351305

JP-A-2001-117752

JP-A-2002-283261

The result of search for prior art documents is not a material for the rejection reason.

Other documents listed in the Office Action was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed June 9, 2006.

Document B1 is a U.S. counterpart of document B2.

Unless otherwise indicated, no English translation is readily available (not considering machine-generated translations that may be freely available online, to both the Applicant and the PTO) for each of the non-English language documents. However, a commercially available English language abstract is provided herewith, where indicated on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. Inasmuch as Applicants have endeavored to provide at least one item that complies with the requirement for a "concise explanation of relevance" for each of the non-English language documents, each of these documents has been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.


STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to filing of this Statement.

Although Applicants believe that no fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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